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LETTER DATED 24 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi airspace by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance, provocation and the dropping of heat flares continued over the period 16 to 22 November 1993.

16 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,500 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

At 1515 hours, United States aircraft dropped five heat flares 25 kilometres south-east of Mosul.

17 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Qurnah, Salman and Qal'at Salih.

18 November 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 18 November 1993.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Amarah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

At 1245 hours, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft was detected over the Samawah area flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 18,000 metres. It disappeared over the Jabal Sanam area at 1455 hours in the direction of Kuwaiti airspace.

19 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 4 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah and Qal'at Salih.

20 November 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was reported in the northern region on 20 November 1993.

(b) Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 8,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Busayyah and Jalibah.

21 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

At 1325 hours, a hostile formation flying at an altitude of under 1,000 metres dropped three heat flares 40 kilometres north-west of Mosul.

At 1546 hours, a hostile formation flying at an altitude of 7,000 metres dropped four heat flares 2 kilometres north of the lake formed by Saddam Dam in the Mosul area of the Ninawa Governorate.

22 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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